Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

November 2016

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering November 6th to 12th, 2016, there were 567,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 1,400 from October 2016 and 10,000 less than the number employed in November 2015.

Agricultural employment was 38,600 persons in November 2016, down 600 from the October 2016 level and 3,200 less than the November 2015 agricultural employment level of 41,800. Non-agricultural employment was 529,200 persons in November 2016. This is a decrease of 800 from the October 2016 non-agriculture employment level of 530,000 and 6,800 less than November 2015.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for November 2016 was 6.4 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the October 2016 rate of 6.1 percent and 1.4 percentage points higher than the November 2015 level of 5.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 800 to 606,600 persons in November 2016 from 605,800 persons in October 2016. This is 1,700 less than the November 2015 labour force of 608,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 69.6 percent in November 2016 from 69.5 percent in October 2016. The November 2015 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.4 percent.

There were 38,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during November 2016. This is an increase of 2,100 from October 2016 and is 8,300 more than the number unemployed in November 2015.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 569,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in November 2016, up 2,400 from the October 2016 level of 566,900 and is down 9,800 from the November 2015 employment level of 579,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2016 was 6.8 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the October 2016 rate of 6.9 percent but 1.4 percentage points higher than the November 2015 rate of 5.4 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 77,000 persons in November 2016 to 18,179,700 persons from 18,256,700 persons in October 2016. In November 2015, there were 17,993,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate remained unchanged in November 2016 from the October 2016 level of 6.3 percent. In November 2015, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.8 percent in November 2016. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than October 2016 and 0.2 percentage points lower than the November 2015 level of 7.0 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	November 2016	October 2016	November 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,406.0	19,482.2	19,257.3	-76.2	148.7
Employed ('000)	18,179.7	18,256.7	17,993.2	-77.0	186.5
Full-Time ('000)	14,499.0	14,637.0	14,529.4	-138.0	-30.4
Part-Time ('000)	3,680.7	3,619.7	3,463.8	61.0	216.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,226.2	1,225.5	1,264.1	0.7	-37.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.3	6.6	0.0	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	7.0	7.0	-0.2	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.3	65.6	65.5	-0.3	-0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	606.6	605.8	608.3	0.8	-1.7
Employed ('000)	567.8	569.2	577.8	-1.4	-10.0
Full-Time ('000)	466.1	467.0	470.6	-0.9	-4.5
Part-Time ('000)	101.7	102.2	107.2	-0.5	-5.5
Unemployed ('000)	38.8	36.7	30.5	2.1	8.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.1	5.0	0.3	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.9	5.4	-0.1	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	69.5	70.4	0.1	-0.8
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Labour Force ('000)	2,466.6	2,468.0	2,447.4	-1.4	19.2
Employed ('000)	2,257.9	2,282.4	2,289.7	-24.5	-31.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,816.2	1,830.6	1,891.0	-14.4	-74.8
Part-Time ('000)	441.7	451.8	398.8	-10.1	42.9
Unemployed ('000)	208.8	185.7	157.7	23.1	51.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	7.5	6.4	1.0	2.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	9.0	8.5	6.9	0.5	2.1
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	72.4	72.5	0.0	-0.1
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Labour Force ('000)	670.7	675.0	673.9	-4.3	-3.2
Employed ('000)	633.2	636.3	636.2	-3.1	-3.0
Full-Time ('000)	499.0	505.6	505.2	-6.6	-6.2
Part-Time ('000)	134.1	130.7	131.1	3.4	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	37.5	38.7	37.7	-1.2	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.7	5.6	-0.1	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	6.4	6.1	-0.2	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.8	67.3	68.0	-0.5	-1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November 2016	October 2016	November 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	606.6	605.8	608.3	0.8	-1.7
Male	333.0	330.7	330.2	2.3	2.8
Female	273.5	275.1	278.1	-1.6	-4.6
15-24 Years of Age	85.6	86.3	89.0	-0.7	-3.4
25+ Years of age	520.9	519.6	519.3	1.3	1.6
EMPLOYED ('000)	567.8	569.2	577.8	-1.4	-10.0
Male	308.6	308.1	312.6	0.5	-4.0
Female	259.2	261.1	265.2	-1.9	-6.0
15-24 Years of Age	74.4	76.8	81.0	-2.4	-6.6
25+ Years of age	493.4	492.4	496.8	1.0	-3.4
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	38.8	36.7	30.5	2.1	8.3
Male	24.4	22.6	17.6	1.8	6.8
Female	14.4	14.1	12.9	0.3	1.5
15-24 Years of Age	11.2	9.5	6.3	1.7	4.9
25+ Years of age	27.6	27.2	12.8	0.4	14.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.4	6.1	5.0	0.3	1.4
Male	7.3	6.8	5.3	0.5	2.0
Female	5.3	5.1	4.6	0.2	0.7
15-24 Years of Age	13.1	11.0	9.0	2.1	4.1
25+ Years of age	5.3	5.2	4.3	0.1	1.0
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.6	69.5	70.4	0.1	-0.8
Male	75.8	75.3	75.7	0.5	0.1
Female	63.3	63.7	64.9	-0.4	-1.6
15-24 Years of Age	63.7	64.2	65.5	-0.5	-1.8
25+ Years of age	70.6	70.5	71.3	0.1	-0.7

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	November 2016	October 2016	November 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	38.6	39.2	41.8	-0.6	-3.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.4	24.6	27.4	0.8	-2.0
Utilities	6.7	6.6	7.0	0.1	-0.3
Construction	50.1	51.7	57.3	-1.6	-7.2
Manufacturing	26.6	26.3	26.1	0.3	0.5
Trade	91.0	91.4	87.3	-0.4	3.7
Transportation and Warehousing	29.0	28.5	28.1	0.5	0.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.7	26.1	30.5	0.6	-3.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	30.3	29.0	26.3	1.3	4.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.9	13.3	13.0	-0.4	-0.1
Educational Services	42.5	43.7	43.5	-1.2	-1.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	76.8	79.2	79.2	-2.4	-2.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.1	19.7	20.8	0.4	-0.7
Accommodation and Food Services	37.5	37.3	38.6	0.2	-1.1
Other Services	23.9	22.7	24.9	1.2	-1.0
Public Administration	29.9	30.0	26.1	-0.1	3.8
Total	567.8	569.2	577.8	-1.4	-10.0
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	466.1	467.0	470.6	-0.9	-4.5
Part-Time	101.7	102.2	107.2	-0.5	-5.5
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	466.8	467.6	471.3	-0.8	-4.5
Public Sector	141.1	142.6	138.4	-1.5	2.7
Private Sector	325.7	325.0	332.9	0.7	-7.2
Self-Employed	101.0	101.5	106.5	-0.5	-5.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November 2016	October 2016	November 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,179.7	18,256.7	17,993.2	-77.0	186.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.0	230.9	234.2	-2.9	-6.2
Prince Edward Island	70.1	72.8	71.5	-2.7	-1.4
Nova Scotia	447.8	450.4	446.9	-2.6	0.9
New Brunswick	353.1	356.8	350.8	-3.7	2.3
Quebec	4,178.8	4,203.9	4,099.0	-25.1	79.8
Ontario	7,049.9	7,041.4	6,942.1	8.5	107.8
Manitoba	633.2	636.3	636.2	-3.1	-3.0
Saskatchewan	567.8	569.2	577.8	-1.4	-10.0
Alberta	2,257.9	2,282.4	2,289.7	-24.5	-31.8
British Columbia	2,393.1	2,412.7	2,345.0	-19.6	48.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.3	6.3	6.6	0.0	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.5	13.3	12.9	1.2	1.6
Prince Edward Island	11.6	9.7	11.4	1.9	0.2
Nova Scotia	7.5	6.8	8.4	0.7	-0.9
New Brunswick	8.0	8.4	8.2	-0.4	-0.2
Quebec	5.8	6.0	7.0	-0.2	-1.2
Ontario	5.6	5.8	6.3	-0.2	-0.7
Manitoba	5.6	5.7	5.6	-0.1	0.0
Saskatchewan	6.4	6.1	5.0	0.3	1.4
Alberta	8.5	7.5	6.4	1.0	2.1
British Columbia	5.9	5.8	5.9	0.1	0.0

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	November 2016	October 2016	November 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,171.3	18,160.6	17,988.1	10.7	183.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	228.7	229.1	235.2	-0.4	-6.5
Prince Edward Island	71.5	71.2	73.3	0.3	-1.8
Nova Scotia	448.0	444.3	448.4	3.7	-0.4
New Brunswick	354.3	353.8	352.4	0.5	1.9
Quebec	4,178.7	4,170.2	4,098.1	8.5	80.6
Ontario	7,037.6	7,018.7	6,933.1	18.9	104.5
Manitoba	631.8	632.7	635.8	-0.9	-4.0
Saskatchewan	569.3	566.9	579.1	2.4	-9.8
Alberta	2,260.4	2,273.2	2,290.0	-12.8	-29.6
British Columbia	2,391.1	2,400.4	2,342.7	-9.3	48.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.8	7.0	7.0	-0.2	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.3	14.9	13.1	-0.6	1.2
Prince Edward Island	10.8	11.7	10.3	-0.9	0.5
Nova Scotia	8.0	7.6	8.6	0.4	-0.6
New Brunswick	8.7	10.0	8.6	-1.3	0.1
Quebec	6.2	6.8	7.5	-0.6	-1.3
Ontario	6.3	6.4	6.9	-0.1	-0.6
Manitoba	6.2	6.4	6.1	-0.2	0.1
Saskatchewan	6.8	6.9	5.4	-0.1	1.4
Alberta	9.0	8.5	6.9	0.5	2.1
British Columbia	6.1	6.2	6.2	-0.1	-0.1

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	November 2016	October 2016	November 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.8	8.1	5.8	0.7	3.0
Halifax	5.4	5.6	5.8	-0.2	-0.4
Saint John	6.5	7.2	6.2	-0.7	0.3
Quebec	3.7	4.3	4.1	-0.6	-0.4
Montreal	6.3	7.1	8.0	-0.8	-1.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.6	6.3	6.0	-0.7	-0.4
Toronto	6.6	7.3	6.7	-0.7	-0.1
Greater Sudbury	6.8	7.4	7.5	-0.6	-0.7
Winnipeg	6.5	7.0	5.3	-0.5	1.2
Regina	5.0	5.1	3.7	-0.1	1.3
Saskatoon	7.1	7.1	5.6	0.0	1.5
Calgary	10.1	10.2	6.5	-0.1	3.6
Edmonton	6.4	6.9	5.8	-0.5	0.6
Vancouver	5.1	5.2	5.7	-0.1	-0.6
Victoria	4.8	5.0	6.1	-0.2	-1.3
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	183.1	184.5	186.0	-1.4	-2.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.5	53.6	52.5	-0.1	1.0
Saskatoon-Biggar	198.0	198.4	201.9	-0.4	-3.9
Yorkton-Melville	37.6	37.3	38.6	0.3	-1.0
Prince Albert & Northern	98.0	98.7	100.0	-0.7	-2.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	November 2016	October 2016	November 2015	Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	608.0	611.1	608.7	-3.1	-0.7
Employed ('000)	570.6	572.8	580.1	-2.2	-9.5
Unemployed ('000)	37.4	38.3	28.6	-0.9	8.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.3	4.7	-0.2	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	70.2	70.4	-0.4	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	65.5	65.8	67.1	-0.3	-1.6
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	553.0	556.8	559.2	-3.8	-6.2
Employed ('000)	523.2	526.0	536.8	-2.8	-13.6
Unemployed ('000)	29.8	30.8	22.4	-1.0	7.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.5	4.0	-0.1	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	70.7	71.1	-0.5	-0.9
Employment Rate (%)	66.4	66.8	68.3	-0.4	-1.9
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	55.0	54.3	49.5	0.7	5.5
Employed ('000)	47.4	46.8	43.2	0.6	4.2
Unemployed ('000)	7.6	7.5	6.2	0.1	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.8	13.8	12.6	0.0	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.3	63.5	0.3	2.1
Employment Rate (%)	56.6	56.3	55.5	0.3	1.1
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Labour Force ('000)	21.5	20.9	18.6	0.6	2.9
Employed ('000)	17.5	16.8	14.8	0.7	2.7
Unemployed ('000)	4.0	4.1	3.7	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.6	19.7	20.1	-1.1	-1.5
Participation Rate (%)	57.9	56.9	56.5	1.0	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	47.1	45.7	45.1	1.4	2.0
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Labour Force ('000)	33.4	33.2	30.4	0.2	3.0
Employed ('000)	29.8	29.9	27.9	-0.1	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	3.6	3.3	2.5	0.3	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.7	10.1	8.2	0.6	2.5
Participation Rate (%)	71.9	72.0	68.8	-0.1	3.1
Employment Rate (%)	64.2	64.8	63.1	-0.6	1.1

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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